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Dear Commissioners

The League of United Latin American Citizens District 12 is announcing plans to create a **LULAC National Educational Service Center (LNESC)**. The LNESC's mission is to increase educational opportunities for Hispanic Americans through the development and implementation of effective programs in Hispanic communities throughout the United States. Currently, there is a network of sixteen educational centers nationwide coordinated by our LULAC office in Washington, D.C.

The League of United Latin American Citizens' **District 12**, has been give permission to create an Educational Service Center for the Austin area. The Center will allow the creation of a perpetual cycle of local community Latino/a Leaders, mentors through education.

We understand that over 50% of Latino youth in Texas live at or below the poverty level, making it very difficult to access higher education. Latino youth make over 50% of the youth in Texas schools, yet only 39% of the youth graduate from college. Since 1970, the population of Latinos has increased by 592% and as the population grows and poverty increses, the number of educated Latino Leaders is decreasing exponentially. This is an historical and educational epidemic that is creating an ever-growing self-perpetuation and non-educated Latino working class in America.

What is the solution you say? Break the cycle, empowerment through ownership of knowledge and create a new cycle that perpetuates the education and training of new leaders, educators and mentors. Establish the Center that will be the hub for Latino youth outreach. Initiate a five-year educational program that holds mentorship as its requisite to success. We will create "Future Leaders in Latino Youth" F.L.L.Y.

We will develop a five phase cycle that does not stop at the undergaudate level, but will take Latino youth and teach them to use whatever skill they master and teach it to the next generation of elementary students. Finally, as the Latino youth reach the last phase of the program, the mentorship phase, they will gain mastery and ownership of the education and thereby become leaders in their own right.

We seek funding for support of the program "Future Leaders in Latino Youth ", FL.L.Y.

Sincerely

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